

B-3407 - B-3418
402-466 E. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1845 - 1907

The north side of Cross St. east of Riverside Ave. is improved by a variety of building types. The earliest houses on the block, a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built by several different builders in the 1840's and early 1850's, is located in the middle of the block at 430-450 E. Cross St. To the east of this group of houses, there is a small, one story, gable-roofed brick church, built in 1873 for the congregation of the Sailors' Union Bethel, a group of seamen who had formerly worshipped on the William Penn, an old clipper ship berthed at the Lee St. wharf. At the far eastern end of the block, near Covington St., there are several two and three story, simple brick structures built in the 1870's or earlier, which were formerly owned by the Rossmarck Brewery which operated a tavern on the site. At the western end of the block, near Riverside Ave., there are two distinct groups of late Victorian-style houses. The first group, 402-408 E. Cross St., is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built by James F. Morgan in the late 1880's as part of his development of the adjoining section of Riverside Ave. At 410-420 E. Cross St. there is a row of two story, two bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and simple sheet metal bracketed cornices, built by Walter Hampson in 1907. This latter group, along with similar rows built by Hampson directly north of this row on Grindall and Hamburg Streets, are the last houses to be built in the Federal Hill area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

430-434 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☐ ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (432)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (430, 434)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs was built in the 1840's and formed part of a small group of houses that extended along this side of Cross St. east of the Fertilizing Co. that occupied the large lot to the west. 430 and 434 Cross St. have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, about 14 1/2' wide, and occupy lots 66 1/2' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a one story high, two bay deep kitchen addition. This still exists at 434 Cross but at 430 and 432 Cross St. there is an added one story high, one bay deep one bay section at the north end of the original addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a continuous, two-tier brick cornice. 430 Cross St. had a double rectangular chimney located along the east side of its front and rear gables; 432 and 434 Cross St. share paired double rectangular chimneys located along the partition wall between the two houses, on both the front and rear gables. Each house also has a rear end chimney located at the north end of the two bay deep kitchen addition.

The first and second floor openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums and brick header sills. The attic story windows seem to have had flat wood lintels and brick header sills. This is the current treatment of the openings at 432 Cross St.; the formstone covering at 430 and 434 hides the original treatment of the lintels and sills on these houses. All of the first and second floor windows, and the attic story windows of 430 and 432 Cross are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The attic story windows of 434 Cross are filled with 3/3 sash. Each house has a single light transom, but at 430 and 432 the transom area has been covered with siding. 430 Cross has a Mission-style door; 432 Cross has a modern flush door; and 434 Cross has a panel door set with upper lights. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by four stone steps at 430 and 432 and by five wood steps at 434 Cross. Each house has a square-shaped coal opening located beneath the first floor window. An arched alleyway runs between 432 and 434 Cross St.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1847-50

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George C. Addison

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of houses is representative of a large group of such two story plus attic houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the Federal Hill area to accomodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer windows type of house which generally preceded this type chronologically the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow, and tightly winding staircase. Both front and back rooms usually had fireplaces. The kitchen were located in a rear addition. The increase in the height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open room usual with the dormer-storied houses, thus providing welcome additional, private living space.

Houses of this type were usually rented, as was the case here. These houses were built by George C. Addison, a member of a family of local builders, as part of his development of a parcel of land extending from 430-442 Cross St., north to 329-337 Hamburg St. Addison sold the houses in 1853, but they were always owned by absentee landlords.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 47, Folio 60

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14 1/2' x 66 1/2'**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE
4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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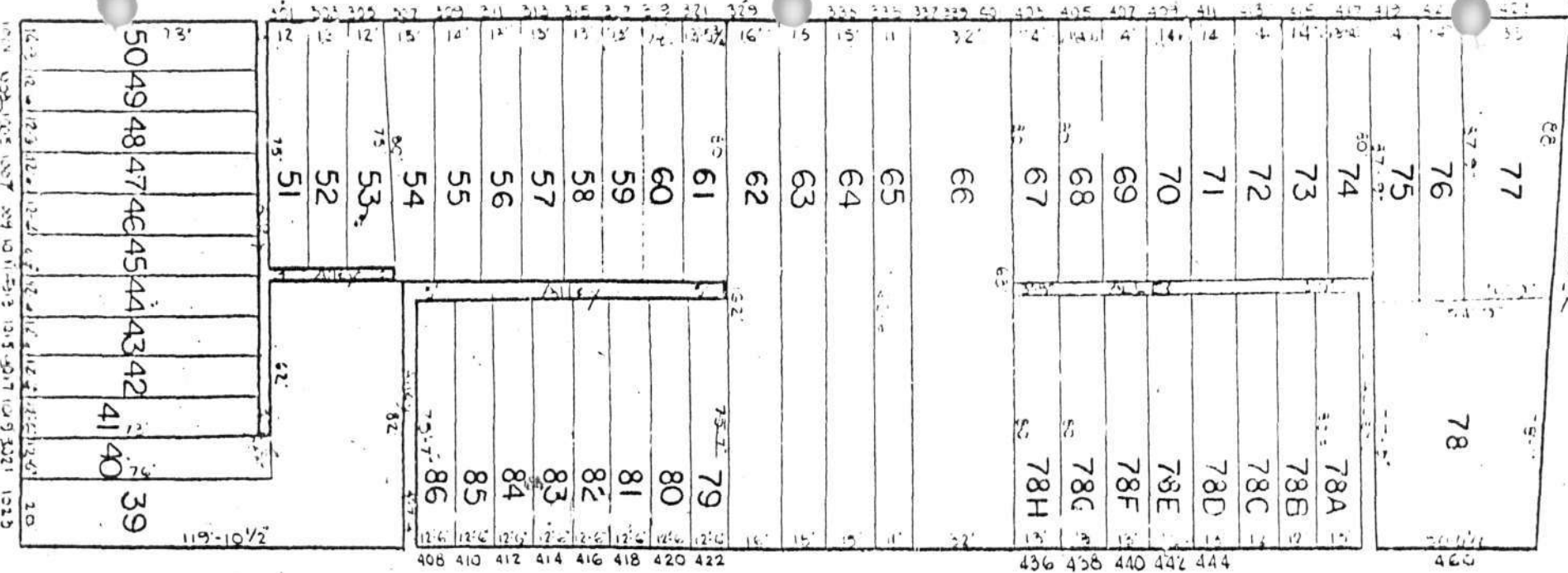
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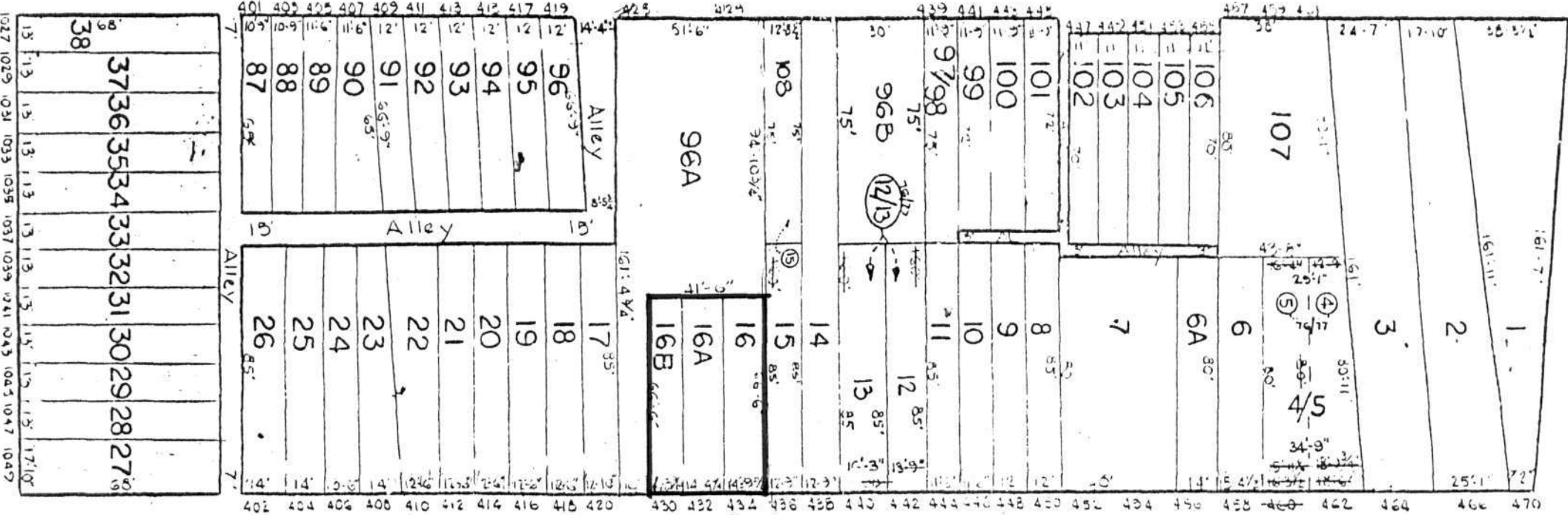
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SIDE

ALLEY



ST. GRINDALL



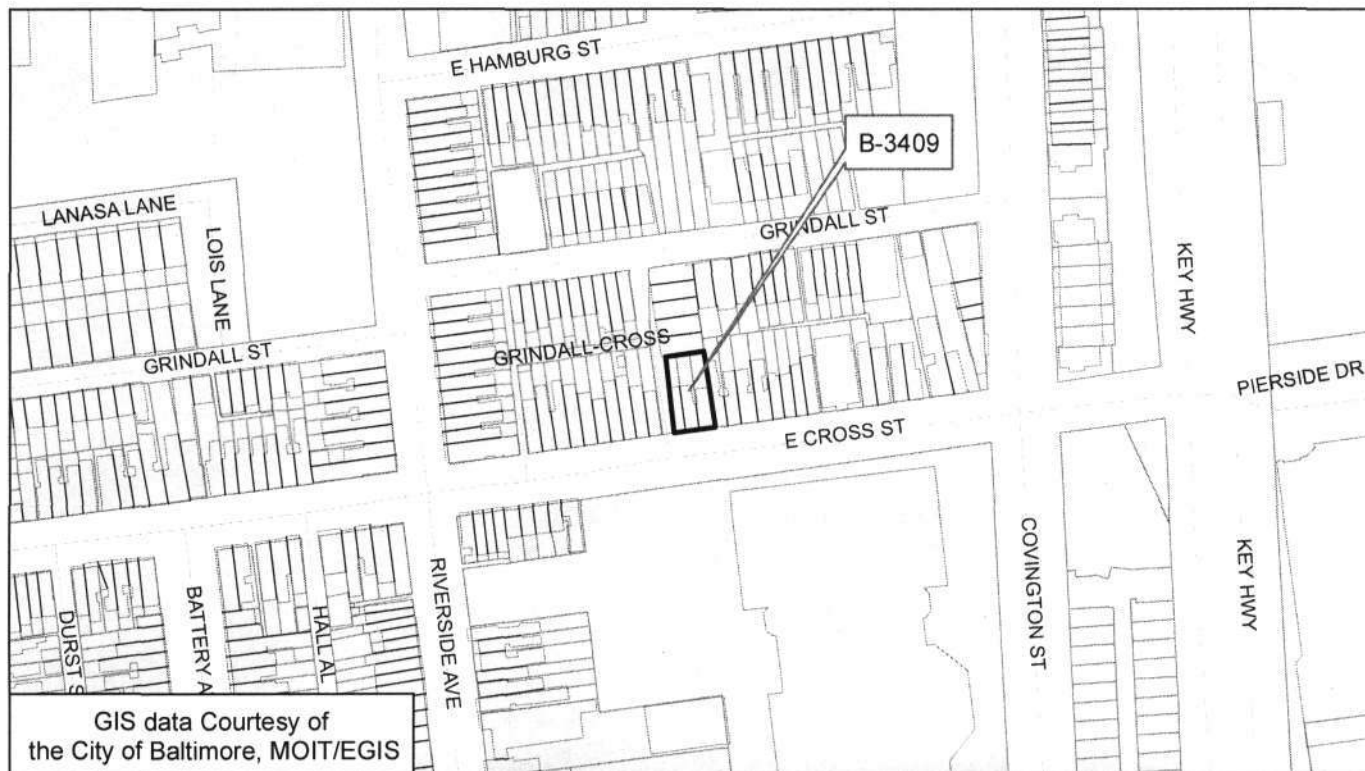
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Block 1915 Lots 016B-016
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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430-434 E. Cross St.

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South elevation